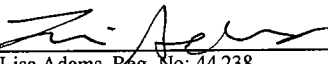


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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 7, 2007.

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A copy of the **Pending Claims** is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience. No amendments are made.